A Man's Man.

Intro:

A. Samuel L. Jones, Mayor of Toledo, Ohio
"Golden Rule Jones."
"a Man's Man."
Def.- his general qualities affable
to men - to all kinds of men.
Strong - in body & will
Open, frank, & sympathetic
No bluff or pose
Honest mistakes.

B. "a Man's Man" one of the highest tributes that can be paid a ____.

I. Lincoln was "a Man's Man."
1. admired + reverenced by all -
white + black, north + south -
america + Europe.
2. As gentle as a woman + as
tenderhearted as a child - but
it came from strength, not weakness
3. Had a grip like a bulldog -
never surrendered his purpose
to please a majority
4. Treated all with absolute
fairness & consideration
5. Well fitting to Lincoln are
thanks of Burns

"What tho on hamely fare we dine,
Wear hoddin gray, and a' that?
Gi'e fools their silks & knaves their wine
A man's a Man for a' that."

"For a' that and a' that,
Their tinsel show and a' that
The honest man, tho e'er so poor,
Is king o' men for a' that."

II. Robert E. Lee.

1. From an old aristocratic family of Virginia
Wealth & a fine education.
Courtly & dignified in manner.
2. All this covered a heart as open
and friendly & sympathetic as
Lincoln's.

I. No one so well deserves the title
of "Man" as the one
whose name is the best known
& any man who ever lived - Jesus
Christ.

1. Centuries ago someone called
him "the first true gentleman
who ever lived."
2. A Japanese statesman believed
the story of Jesus in the Bible
for the first time

was asked what was his chief impression he got of Jesus from the reading. He instantly replied, "His courage." The place so much emphasis upon the gentleness & kindness of Jesus as to place in the background his rugged strength & fearless courage.

1. Jesus never kept back the truth to make himself popular
2. He told the powerful crowd of religious "bosses" of his day that they were all wrong: "You care about outward things," he told them, "ceremonies and processions, and clothes, and all the time your hearts are wrong." Outside ceremonies do not count. Justice and righteousness and unselfishness are the only things that count."

No wonder they hated him!
He stood for clean living & right acting.

Jesus faced the highest power in the world - Rome, and never took back a word.
He gladly died for the truth he had lived and spoken.
Do you call that weak?

3. Jesus drew men because he was sincere.
a - His private & public life were one - no hidden corners.
b - He resorted to no deceptions or trickes.
c - He never pretended that following him was easy - he made it hard - the taking up of a cross.
d - His religion was an open, straightforward, practical one of deeds. He had no frills or pretenses. He cared only about the real thing - the inner motives & purposes of the heart.

11 For the Son of m[illegible] is come
to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man
have an hundred sheep, and
one of them be gone astray,
doth he not [illegible]he ninety
and nine, and goeth into the
mountains, and seeketh that

13 And if so be that he find
it, verily I say unto you, he
rejoiceth more of that *sheep*,
than of the ninety and nine
which went not astray.

10 Likewise, I say unto you,
there is joy in the presence of
the angels of God over one sin-
ner that repenteth.

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II Jesus is man's man because
of his high estimate
of his fellow men.

1. God is man's father :: man is
God's child. Jesus saw
in every man "a child of God."
a-Everywhere a belief in God
carried with it a belief in the
integrity of manhood.
Christ gave to man the highest
conception of God and, consequently
the highest conception of his
own manhood.

b. Jesus made it clear that
God cares for each one
of us as tho' he had
none else to care for.
An individual may be lost
in a crowd, but he
is never lost to God, the
Father.
Mt. 18:12-14
Lk. 15-10

2. Jesus' manly estimate of childhood.

a - Jesus loved the children.

b - "Suffer the little children

c - Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? "Except ye become turn & become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven."

d "See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

e - Jesus would approve of all modern effort to protect the children & properly provide for their bringing up.

"If Jesus Christ is a man
And only a man, I say
That of all mankind
I will follow Him
And to Him will I cleave alway.

"If Jesus Christ is a God
And the only God, I swear
I will follow Him thru heaven or hell,
The earth, the sea, and the air."

3. Jesus makes a man realize his own worth.

a - "Man of more value than a sheep!"

b - Man balanced against the whole world.

4. Christ's regard for a lost man.

a lost coin is still of value
a lost sheep still belongs to the flock.
a lost man still belongs to the Heavenly Father's heart.

Conclusion - The men Christ has moulded - Cromwell, Gladstone, Lincoln, Luther, Gordon, Livingstone & a host of others:

Christ is Man's man because he is God's man and man's God. Read poem